

I fail to see where public service can be augmented by automatically giving an upgrade from Advanced to Extra class license based on years of operation. The additional Extra class frequencies, to the best of my knowledge, are not normally used for amateur radio public service. It also degrades the incentive licensing program by virtue of no testing, where others have earned the privilege through the Incentive Licensing testing program.

While there may be a public service case for giving Novices 2 meter privileges, it also degrades the Incentive Licensing program by giving Novices free frequencies that are otherwise earned through testing.

The entire Amateur Radio Service is based on Incentive Licensing. The present system gives both questions and answers to the public; something that no school in the United States does, but does require testing. Please don't let the service be degraded by further down-grading license requirements. Your consideration is appreciated.